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## **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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This paper responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed on February 5, 2007. Paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of the Notice indicate the items that are non-compliant under 37 CFR §1.121 with respect to Applicants' Amendment mailed November 14, 2006 responding to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006.

Concerning Paragraph 1 of the Notice, references to "new" (in respect of amended paragraphs or section) have been replaced with the word – replacement – as suggested by the Office. For Paragraph 2, the amended Abstract is attached as a separate sheet, both with markings to show the changes made and in a clean version after making the amendments. For Paragraph 4, single brackets have been removed from the amended claims.

Please reconsider the Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 and include the attached Replacement Sheet for new FIG. 1-a and attached sheet labeled "Annotated Mark-Up Drawing" showing the requested changes thereon with respect to the sheet previously submitted for FIGS. 1-a and 1-b.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.